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Rep. Callahan Protects Women in Sports

[Madison, WI] – State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) joined his Assembly Republican colleagues today in ensuring athletic sports teams are based on the birth gender of the participants at the University of Wisconsin and technical colleges, as well as in K-12 schools. Title IX became a law nearly 50 years ago, protecting women and their opportunities to compete in sports.

“We have seen time and time again that when we permit biological males to participate in women’s sports because of their gender identity, biological females lose; not only the competition but countless opportunities, including titles and scholarships.” Rep. Callahan stated. “This is a matter of creating fairness across the board.”

Under [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 378](#), a third, coed category would be created at the collegiate level to allow participants of any sex to compete with each other. At the K-12 level, [AB 377](#), would also require parents to be notified if team designations are changing from single-sex to coed.

“I am proud to have co-authored these bills, along with [AB 465](#), which prohibits minors from receiving any sort of medical intervention for the purpose of gender transition,” said Rep. Callahan. “A child’s brain is not fully developed until they are [25 years old](#), and they aren’t able to legally vote, join the military, sign a contract, etc., until they are 18. Why should children with gender dysphoria be able to make such a life-altering decision at a young age when gender dysphoria ceases for up to [88% of girls and 98% of boys](#) once they go through puberty.”

These bills now head to the State Senate for their consideration.

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The 35th Assembly District includes all of Lincoln and Langlade Counties, as well as portions of Marathon, Oconto, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.